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Overeaters
set meeting

Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 2 p.m. today.

The location is the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City.

Senate shift

A new direction lies ahead for the Illinois Senate, set to be Republican-controlled in 1993 after long Democratic control. An opinion column appears on Page 4A today.

Medicare pay

Some elderly persons in Illinois are paying Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments needlessly, according to Belleville Area College. An article on this is on Page 5A.

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Need an April-to-November job in 1993? More than two thousand are available. See Page 7A of this issue.

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to tournaments

The Granite City and Madison High School basketball teams will play in the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic this week. The Warriors' first-round opponent Monday will be Quincy, while the Trojans will play East St. Louis Lincoln. The Lady Warriors are playing in the Mascoutah Invitational, beginning with Triad on Monday. Page 1B

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A merger agreement involving the exchange of stock of more than \$173 million has been reached between U.S. Gypsum Co., a manufacturer of building products, and Amsteel Industries, which wholly owns American Steel Foundries of Granite City. Under the proposed merger U.S. Gypsum would be the surviving corporation.

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and cable listings

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Mayor, Council thaw hiring freeze

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The hiring freeze eased by the Granite City Council more than two years ago has apparently thawed again.

The City Council vote 7-4 Tuesday to approve hiring an accounts-payable supervisor in the comptroller's office soon after Jan. 1.

Because a motion requires a majority vote of the 14-member City Council, Mayor Von Dee Cruse cast the deciding eighth vote in favor of the measure.

The new employees to replace

accounts-payable supervisor Dorothy Renaud, who will retire Jan. 15.

The finance committee had recommended approval of the measure.

While some aldermen questioned the hiring of a new employee during a hiring freeze and when a study of city efficiency is being conducted, City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said Renaud's position is necessary for city operations.

Aldermen Craig Tarpoif, Jim Miller, Tom Candler and Judy Whitaker voted in the majority. Aldermen Jeff Worthen, Sandy Vries and Andy Timko were absent from the meeting.

After the vote, Cruse chastised the aldermen who voted against the measure.

"Do you people know the operations of our city in our financial office? What would happen if we don't replace that person?" Cruse asked.

"I have no problem with the hiring freeze... but there comes a time when the vital operations of our city must be taken into consideration. If somebody would like to tell me how we would get our bills paid..."

Tarpoif said the public safety services are also vital to city operations.

"If we are squeezing manpower together

(in the police and fire departments), I think we should do the same in other departments," Tarpoif said.

Candler suggested that the position could be filled by a current employee.

Although no current city employees had applied for the position as of Tuesday night, MacTaggart said two employees did apply Wednesday morning.

The council enacted a freeze on hiring in November 1990. Since that time, one police officer, two police dispatchers and a safety director have been hired — all replacing employees who had retired.

No new positions have been created.

39 potential candidates
Twelve take out mayoral petitionsBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

With four months to go before the election and less than seven weeks until the Feb. 8 deadline to file, 39 potential candidates for city and township offices in Granite City had picked up petitions Wednesday to be included on the April 20 ballot.

Any person may pick up an election petition either for himself or for another candidate.

Officials to be elected include mayor, eight aldermen in seven wards (two to be elected in Ward 1), city treasurer, city clerk, township assessor and township supervisor.

Twelve potential candidates had taken out mayoral petitions by Wednesday.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse has announced he will not seek a third term.

Among those picking up petitions for mayor are former



Stevens

Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph of the 3200 block of Westchester Drive, Nestle employee Steve Bolling of the 1700 block of Poplar Street, Gary Ingraham Sr. of Briarcliff Drive.

Joe McGinness of the 2600 block of Marshall Avenue; Dan McGuire of the 2000 block of State Street; James Bailey Sr. of the 2800 block of Harding Boulevard (who also picked up 5th Ward aldermanic petitions).

High-school student Mike Patton of the 2100 block of Cleveland Boulevard; former Assis-

tant Fire Chief Bob Bell of Briarwood Lane; and Aldermen Dan Brown of the 2900 block of Yale Drive, Walter Milton of the 3200 block of Wabash Avenue, Paul Fisk of the 2500 block of East 25th Street and Jeff Worthen of the 3300 block of Franklin Avenue.

Since picking up petitions Nov. 10, Bell has said he will not seek the mayoral post but will run for 4th Ward Alderman.

City Treasurer Gail Valle and Assessor Darlene Laub were the only candidates to have picked up petitions for their respective positions by Monday.

Longtime City Clerk Robert Stevens of the 3800 block of Franklin Avenue will be challenged by Lt. Roy Koberna of the Granite City Police Department, a former School Board president who resides in the 4000 block of Sara Street.

Nobody had picked up peti-

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Callis family tax situation
no conflict, Shimkus agrees

A family relationship of a Granite City attorney hired to battle multimillion-dollar tax protests does not appear to be a conflict of interest, a county official said.

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus said he did not think a tax protest filed by Lance Callis would create a conflict for his daughter Ann Callis, who was hired by the county.

Ann Callis, who works in her father's Granite City law office, was among five attorneys hired by Madison County State's Attorney William Haine this month to fight tax protests lodged against the county by large companies.

Conflict questions were raised when it was discovered that Lance Callis had filed six of his

own tax protests against the county in 1991.

But Ann Callis and four other attorneys were hired to battle large corporate protests, not small protests lodged by individuals, Shimkus said.

Small individual protests are usually handled by the state's attorney's office, Shimkus said.

"(Callis') daughter wouldn't have had case anyway," Lance Callis is protesting the assessments on six pieces of property, Shimkus has said. The protests are "bogus" because

assessments must be challenged before the Madison County Board of Review, not in a tax protest.

Ann Callis, John Papa, Nelson Metz, Lew Malloti and Dave Dugan were hired by Haine to put a stop to frivolous tax protests filed by large corporations.

Ultimately, the large protests mean less money for local taxing districts, such as schools, cities and fire protection districts, Haine has said.

In the past, the number of protests has prevented officials from thoroughly researching each case before it reaches the courtroom. As a result, officials were often forced to settle for 50 cents or 75 cents on the dollar.

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Just browsing — Seven-year-old Mandy Norn looks through books at the Granite City Children's Library after finishing a craft project on a recent afternoon.

Group urges longer school year

Con artists
make holiday
solicitationsBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

While the holidays are a time for giving, residents and business owners are being advised to beware of unscrupulous solicitors who try to take advantage of their generosity.

Illinois Assistant Attorney General Dennis Orsey said the holiday season is a popular time for "con artists" to prey upon the generous spirit of willing givers.

Orsey said his office encourages people to be "informed givers."

"Obviously, we want to ensure that money donated (to various causes) goes where it is supposed to go," he said.

He said that, when being solicited for funds — either door-to-door or by telephone — people should ask a lot of questions.

"If it is a legitimate solicitation, they should have all the answers and have written information about their organization," Orsey said.

In addition, door-to-door solicitation requires a permit from Granite City, Orsey said.

His office, in conjunction with the Granite City Police Department, is investigating a formal complaint of an agency allegedly soliciting funds in the name of Granite City Firefighters Local 253 without the union's authorization.

Orsey said a California-based busi-

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ness community continues to lead the effort to reform the education system in Illinois, said IMA President Gregory W. Baise.

"Following the defeat of the education amendment in November — an ill-conceived attempt to throw more reform at a system badly in need of reform — we have developed a series of initiatives that will help achieve our goals of bringing Illinois in line with other leading school systems and produce a world-class workforce."

"Unfortunately, more money alone will not produce the educational system desired by the business and citizens communities."

The IMA realizes additional resources will be needed to implement several of these initiatives, such as lengthening the school year, assessment and providing an adequate foundation.

Below is a comprehensive summary of the IMA's 13-point plan:

1. Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM). Performance-based outcomes should be required for all 16-year-olds, as proposed in America's Choice: High Skills or Low Wages, a report by the National Center on Education and the Economy.

2. A commitment should be made toward radically upgrading academic

education in all schools with strong incentives for programs such as the Advanced Placement Program and the International Baccalaureate.

3. A commitment should be made toward radically upgrading occupational education and a strong school-to-work transition system, such as Tech Prep and Youth Apprenticeship, with outcome-based performance standards determined by the employer/employee communities.

Illinois universities and companies must give full credit for work-based learning.

To accomplish these goals, the most important step should be the establishment of an Illinois Occupational Skill Standards Authority.

4. Local/regional centers, such as Educational Service Centers, should be established to provide for a dramatic increase in the quality and quantity of occupational information for all middle school students to adults.

Implementation of the Chicago Careers for Youth on a statewide basis would be an excellent beginning. The General Education track should be phased out in favor of the academic track and the Tech Prep track.

5. Refocusing of higher education, employers and the general public to support this fundamental reorganization in whatever ways necessary, such as raising outcome-based standards of

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6. The problem, the IMA report says, is that the majority of parents of students entering high school expect those students to go on to college and earn a bachelor's degree. In fact, the report says, only 22 percent of those students statewide will

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Deputy puts drunken drivers in focus

Tracking down drunken drivers is becoming a picture-perfect experience for Sheriff's Deputy Brad Wells.

And with a video camera and monitor mounted on the dashboard of his 1992 Chevrolet Caprice, Friday morning was no exception.

Wells, who usually nabs drunks by focusing on suspicious driving patterns, netted his 79th DUI arrest in eight months Friday. He clocked a 23-year-old Wood River man on radar driving 78 mph in a 45 mph zone about 1:25 on Illinois Route 111.

It was the third traffic stop in two hours of scanning roads and running radar on dozens of drivers.

"I basically spend all my time on the highways," said Wells, who travels the major thoroughfares in Godfrey, Foster and Wood River townships during his eight-hour shift.

"I try to run down traffic going the same direction. I might be up and down the same road 10 or 12 times a night without ever realizing it."

Wells joined a Madison County Sheriff's Department in April.

He was assigned to work with Sgt. Bill Bravay, head of the department's two-man Traffic Safety Unit that targets drunken drivers.

Tracking down offenders takes a lot of patience and a keen pair of eyes, the 27-year-old deputy said.

And when the search becomes monotonous, Wells said he was killed after a head-on collision April 26 on Renken Road in Madison County.

"I met his family when his equipment was given to us. Every time I look at his name, it puts it all back into perspective."

"It gives me the extra push. The life I'm saving could be my family or a friend's family."

When Wells is not on the trail

of a suspected drunken driver, he flips on the camera and follows the vehicle for several feet. "If they're weaving in and out of lanes, I like to get it on film," he said. "It's great to submit as evidence."

Although he does catch some motorists by surprise, it usually doesn't take most drivers long to realize Wells is closing in.

They usually know within a mile of driving that I'm behind them," he said. "He kept a close eye on a suddenly cautious driver in front of him. But for the most part, that gives me enough time to determine if they've been drinking."

A 32-year-old Bethalto man earned his fourth speeding ticket about 11:25 p.m. Thursday after Wells clocked him for driving 61 mph in a 50 mph zone on Route 111 near Airline Drive.

After detecting alcohol on the driver's breath, Wells asked him to take a field sobriety test, which he passed.

"The only thing he blew was the nervousness," Wells said after the tests were complete.

"He probably knows he's going to lose his driver's license, so

that's why he was crying a little bit. He's had two prior convictions and he's driving on a speeding ticket. This makes his fourth."

The driver admitted to drinking one beer before he got behind the wheel, Wells said.

"That's the famous line," he said. "They all always just have one or two beers. It's classic."

Wells was traveling in the southbound lane when the 23-year-old Wood River man passed him in a 1991 Chevrolet truck at nearly 80 mph.

In a matter of seconds, Wells completed a U-turn, caught up with the suspect and began videotaping his driving patterns.

"He wasn't swerving, but I did tape the field sobriety tests, which he failed," Wells said. The driver also failed a breath analysis test.

"He has three passengers in his truck," he said. "He might be mad because he was stopped, but it's got to feel better than feeling responsible for the deaths of three people."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Churchich, Bathon feud continuing

A feud between two elected county officials may have brought a threatening telephone call.

Madison County Auditor Fred Bathon said he received a threatening phone call about 2 a.m. Dec. 16 that he believes came from an employee or crony of Sheriff Bob Churchich.

Churchich, however, denied any knowledge of the call and said he doubts any such call was even made.

Bathon and the sheriff have been at odds over the allocation of county-owned vehicles and county funds since early summer. But the war of words has escalated in recent weeks.

"I certainly am not going to be intimidated by that kind of behavior," Bathon said Thursday, referring to the anonymous phone call.

According to Bathon, the caller said, "If you continue to (delete) with Bob Churchich, we're going to (delete) with you." The caller then hung up, Bathon said.

In addition to the threatening call, Bathon said Sheriff's Department workers have been using the county's voice-mail system to make jokes about him.

"He made an accusation that some of my friends had called his house and threatened him and as far as I can tell that's just not true," Churchich said Thursday.

Pontoon Beach police officials said they had no record of Bathon filing a report about the threatening phone call. Bathon lives in Pontoon Beach.

"I'm hoping it's a one-time thing," Bathon said.

Churchich said Bathon's failure to call the police raises the question of whether the harassing call was ever made.

"I think we all know the first thing you do when you receive a harassing call of this type is to file a report with the police," Churchich said.

"But if I want to stress the if — then I would personally make the arrest, since I don't like the idea of any elected county official receiving threats," the sheriff said.

A spokesman for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office said no complaint had been filed with the office about the harassing phone call.

— From the Alton Telegraph

State Police cite seat belt use as savior in accident

A Macomb woman escaped serious injury — and perhaps death — earlier this month, thanks to her seat belt.

The accident occurred on U.S. 67, about three miles north of Roseville in District 14, during the first week of the department's six-week safety belt blitz.

Illinois State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer said the driver's 1990 Pontiac left the road again, overturned, and came back on to the road for a short distance, then left the road again, overturned, and came to rest on its top.

"This is another documented case of seat belts saving a life," said Gainer. "Trooper Compton who investigated the accident said there is little doubt the young woman would have been severely injured or killed had she not been belted in. Although her car received major damage, she suffered only minor injuries."

Gainer said troopers issued 933 tickets and 1,824 warnings for occupant restraint violations during the first week of the department's six-week campaign.

Time capsule



From the past — Santa listens as David Johnson relays his Christmas wish list at the Madison Junior Services Club's annual children's program held at the Venice-Madison American Legion Hall in Venice in December 1974. Terri Childers, left, distributes treats to the youngsters. More than 400 attended.

Tanning facilities' permits

Indoor tanning facilities in Illinois are now required by state law to apply for an operating permit and follow new safety and sanitation regulations, Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state health director, announced.

Once a tanning facility has been inspected and receives a state permit, the operator must display a sign near each piece of tanning equipment warning of the dangers of ultraviolet radiation.

In addition, patrons must annually receive a written copy of the warning from the operator.

"Tanning booths expose users to the same type of ultraviolet radiation as natural sunlight and should not be considered risk free," Lumpkin said. "Repeated or lengthy overexposure can cause skin cancer, eye and skin injury, sunburn and allergic reactions. With these new regulations, consumers will have the safety information necessary to make an informed decision about using tanning booths."

Besides requiring permits, inspections and posting of warning signs, the state indoor tanning regulations mandate:

- No customers younger than the age of 14 years
- Persons aged 14 to 17 years have written permission from their parent or guardian.
- Patrons wear protective eye wear.
- Customers be limited to one tanning session every 24 hours.
- Patrons list medications, cosmetics, toiletries or other substances that may cause a photosensitive reaction. The record is to be confidentially maintained at the facility.
- Equipment must comply with federal performance standards.
- Trained operators must be in the facility at all times.

The regulations, issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, are a result of the passage and signing in 1991 of House Bill 1833.

Tanning facilities currently in operation have until March 8, 1993, to apply to the Department for a permit. The initial permit costs \$250; annual renewal is \$150.

Once a tanning facility owner has applied for a permit, state or local health department staff will inspect the facility within 90 days and ensure equipment meets state and federal performance standards, and the facility conforms with sanitation standards. Facilities will be inspected annually.

Penalties for violating tanning facility regulations vary from the facility being declared a public nuisance, which is a Class A misdemeanor, to daily fines ranging from \$50 to \$500.

Police log

Granite City

Resist is alleged

Alvin Parker Jr., 44, of the 2600 block of East 27th Street, was arrested at 7:54 p.m. Dec. 20 for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

An officer dispatched to the 4300 block of Kirkpatrick Homes met a 35-year-old woman tenant who told police Parker, her estranged boyfriend, was boisterous and her five-year-old son.

Parker was located at a nearby apartment and agreed to leave the woman and child alone according to a police report.

Officers were dispatched to the area again this time to answer a neighbor's complaint that Parker was disturbing the peace by knocking on a door.

Parker was arrested. He allegedly tried to elude police both at the time and again at the police station.

Hewes was lodged pending \$154 cash bail.

DUI speeding charged

Matthew J. MacLaughlin, 25, of 2200 block of Cleveland Boulevard, was arrested at 4:25 a.m. Dec. 20 for driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding.

An officer reported clocking a red 1986 Pontiac Sunbird at 40 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone in the 3300 block of Fehling Road.

MacLaughlin, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Hurt as car overturns

James R. Jarrett, 29, of the 3300 block of Village Lane, was arrested at the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 1:22 a.m. Dec. 20 following a traffic accident on Missouri Avenue.

An officer reported that Jarrett told him he had been driving a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier that had flipped over on Missouri near 29th Street.

Jarrett was treated in the emergency room, released to a police custody, took two sobriety tests at the police station and a breath analysis test and was charged.

He was released after posting his driver's license and \$102 cash as bail.

To report suspected drug or other criminal activity in Granite City, call the 24-hour police tip line at 1-800-246-TIPS (8477).

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Please understand that the things that are heavenly, that pertain to the kingdom, must be sought for. Paul says we are to seek those things above so if our experience in Christ seems to be lagging then we should start seeking. When we seek with our whole heart we will find him. Guaranteed.

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Reopening of steel plant may help other laid-off workers

Seventy-five former workers at the closed Owens-Brockway glass Co. foundry plant may find new jobs at Alton Steel foundry in Granite City.

Closed since last year, American Steel is going to reopen in January, and that could mean laid-off Owens-Brockway workers could go to work by late summer, said Budd Davis, director of District 1 of the United Steelworkers of America.

If the O-I employees go back to work, it will be a boost to Alton businesses and jobs in the area, Davis said.

The River Bend, Mo., said Tuesday, Owens-Brockway is a subsidiary of Owens-Illinois Inc.

American Steel plans to recall 500 employees and open its Granite City plant to full castings for underframes of railroad cars, company spokesman Richard Bernard said Tuesday.

American Steel will pay \$20 million into improvements in the 92-year-old plant that died in 1991, Bernard said.

He will hire 1,300 employees in the next three years, an annual payroll of \$40 to \$50 million, he said.

Davis asked American Steel to hire the 75 experienced steelworkers who lost their jobs when the O-I foundry closed each this

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—Buddy Davis
Union head

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The 75 foundry workers were among 335 who lost jobs at Owens' mold shop and foundry.

At the American Steel plant, the former O-I workers would be paid \$12 to \$13 an hour, about the same as at the Alton plant, Davis said.

The Owens foundry had a \$2 million-a-year payroll. "It'll mean that \$2 million a year could start flowing back into the Alton economy," Davis said.

"Most of the people live near Alton and spend their pay checks at local stores," Bernard declined to confirm that American Steel would hire the former O-I workers.

We'll recall the 500 employees who lost their jobs when the plant closed. Then we'll start looking for new employees."

The reopening of the foundry hinges on approval Jan. 8 of a contract by Steelworkers Local 1063 in Granite City, Davis said.

"Our union members are elated and anxious to approve the contract for the plant."

The first 250 employees will go to work on a one-shift operation as soon as the contract is signed, Bernard said.

"Then we'll start calling back the other 250 workers who were laid off when the plant closed."

American Steel will shift foundry work from its Alliance, Ohio, plant to Granite City in the next two to three years, he said.

"We're the country's largest supplier of castings to companies that manufacture freight cars," Bernard said.

The reopening of the Granite City plant will keep us competitive for years ahead."

From the Alton Telegraph

State traffic fatalities still down

Traffic fatalities for November totaled 107 as a result of 97 accidents, an increase of 23 percent from the 87 deaths in November 1991, according to provisions released by the Illinois Department of Transportation and State Police.

Included in the November totals were 20 pedestrians killed in 20 accidents, two persons killed in two accidents involving motorcycles, one bicyclist killed in one accident and four people killed in three railroad crossing accidents.

The provisional total of 107 deaths for 1992 is a decrease of 4.2 percent from the 113 deaths in 1991.



Double load — Santa Claus has his hands full with 10-month-old twins Bobbie and Christie Staicoff both telling him what they want for Christmas. The twins were at the Knights of Columbus Christmas party.

Soil, water district meeting set for Friday

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual dinner meeting and election of officers on Friday, Jan. 29, at the Hamel Community Center in Hamel.

The buffet-style meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting and a guest speaker.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the SWCD office on Illinois 143 in Edwardsville or from any SWCD director.

Included in the business meeting will be election of two directors. The terms of Directors Melvin Baskiers and Rich Schrupp will expire in March 1993. They are both eligible for re-election.

A nominating committee has been selected. They are Virginia Smith from Frankfort, Steve Ernst from Alhambra, Bernell Weis from Marine and Irvin Helmer from Highland.

The qualifications to be an SWCD director are: you must be an owner or occupier of land within the county and you must be at least 18 years old.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the Madison County SWCD at 656-5166.



Santa's little helpers — Children from the Little People and Little Folks home day care centers load a truck with food baskets, household items and Christmas presents for two area families that had recently lost everything in house fires. From left are Nicholas Lenz, 5; Taylor Shipp, 4; Kelli Laub, 4; Daniel Fowler, 4; and Jessica Cook, 3, standing in truck.

Avoiding conflict of interest County Board gets option of voting 'present'

Madison County Board members now have three ways to vote and perhaps a little more autonomy from Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer.

Under a resolution approved earlier this month, members can now vote "present" to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The potential conflict must be explained to the board before a member can vote "present."

"Present" votes were not allowed under the old rules but members could abstain from the chairman's consent.

Members who abstained were not required to state their reasons.

Member Harold Byers, who

sponsored the resolution allowing "present" votes, noted that allowing abstaining could lead to some members refusing to vote "yes" or "no" simply to avoid controversy.

Under the new rules, members can still abstain with the chairman's consent, but Byers said voting "present" would give members more protection against any possible allegations they had a conflict of interest.

In addition, Byers said the option of voting "present" without having to seek Hagnauer's consent would give members latitude in deciding how to vote.

"This'll give every member the freedom to decide what he

wants to do," Byers said during a sometimes heated County Board debate on the issue.

The measure, an amendment to board rules approved Dec. 16, was eventually approved 22-5.

But the distinction between voting "present" and abstaining left some members scratching their heads.

After 15 minutes of haggling, in an apparent bid to bring the confused debate to a halt, one frustrated official asked, "Has the rule book already gone to the printer?"

It had not and the debate continued. The amended rules were approved 27-0.

From the Alton Telegraph

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For example, when Illinois Power won a large settlement in a tax protest case six years ago, the county was forced to with

hold tax revenues from East Alton and several other taxing bodies for several years to pay off the settlement.

The exact amount of the settlement was not available, but

attorneys and county officials involved in the case said it totaled several million dollars.

It took East Alton several years to recover from the lost revenues, Village Treasurer Mike Peterson said.

County officials are now dealing with protests filed in 1988. The large backlog means it will

be at least two or three years before this summer's protests go before a judge.

Last week, the County Board approved the plan, but it still needs the approval of every local taxing district in Madison County since the Tax Protest Fund, which will be used to pay

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Opinion

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Suburban conservative now leads Illinois Senate

By Matt Krasnowski
of Copley News Service

In the coming months, Chicago's suburbs will have a state leader, a spokesman of their issues. But the rest of the state is not always going to like what they hear.

With the ascension of Senate Republican Leader—James "Pat" Philip of Wood Dale to Senate president-elect, Philip moves from conservative troublemaker ally to state leader.

Liberals—who never do have an easy time in the legislature—are ducking for cover.

Philip has always been a defender of the lawn-mower pushers and commuters. Suburbanites, he has argued, are a class of people. They pay their taxes, they don't want for many government services, and they don't jaywalk, he has argued.

When given the right opportunity, Philip describes Chicago as the land east of the Tri-State Tollway that sucks the wallets off of the rest of the state. He called it a "rat hole" once.

However, the anti-Chicago rap Philip receives is, not entirely

fair. When the city's political leaders have really needed him and when his Republican governor twisted his arm, Philip was there with the vote.

Despite his vitriolic Lake Calumet Airport opposition, Philip has supported expansion of the McCormick Place convention center, construction of the new Comiskey Park stadium and other Chicago projects. But Philip's anti-urban, conservative beliefs are coming to the fore now.

While before he could easily be dismissed as a voice in the dark, now there is reason for him to be taken seriously.

Add to Philip's definition of suburbanites as English-speaking, Philip supports ending state funding for programs for non-English-speaking students.

"Let 'em learn English," said the future Senate president the day after his forces helped wrest control of the upper chamber from the Democrats.

This brought about a full-fledged protest in Chicago at Philip's State of Illinois Center office and he was roundly criti-

cized—even in the suburbs—as being ignorant to the needs of Hispanic communities. Some called his comments "racist."

Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and other suburbs—not to mention Chicago—have significant numbers of Spanish-speaking citizens. Educating these children is next to impossible without introductory Spanish instruction, some educators say. Philip refused to apologize for his comments.

While it is difficult to believe that this specific opinion of Philip will be realized any time soon, expect more fireworks every time he "shoots from the hip."

Yes, expect more ideas that many white, male suburbanites will find well and good, but the rest of the state may need something used to in the coming months. These include:

• A serious re-examination of the school aid formula. The formula, which is designed to aid poorer schools, is considered getting used to in the coming months.

• Some potential bluster on

farm policy and tax breaks for farmers. Quoth Pate a year ago: "I think we have gone over backward for farmers. Do we treat another class of people that well?" Don't expect any action on these programs, though.

• Less funding for mass transit and more for suburban tollways and highways. Quoth Pate: "In the suburbs we have buses all you see is empty buses. Most people in the suburbs are fairly affluent and tend to be two-car families or three-car families."

As more of Illinois will see in the coming months, Philip is a unique character unlike many others in Illinois politics. He is not polished; he is not afraid to speak his mind and not afraid to change his mind.

Expect more gaffes, headlines, protests and refusals to apologize in the early months of 1993.

Letters

Excessive Bar Association role

TO THE EDITOR:
The American Revolutionary War was fought by the original 13 states to gain independence from Great Britain, from 1775 to 1783, and again the states fought England in the War of 1812.

The British finally relished some revenge for these defeats in 1909. British lawyers were sent to the United States to organize an American Bar Association similar to the English Bar, where only lords can be judges and control who practices law.

They incorporated in the state of Illinois, took control of the state legislature and sent organizers to other states.

Most citizens in the United States are misinformed that the ABA is a government institution. The ABA is a private trade union of lawyers that has no official recognition under the U.S. Constitution as a government institution. The ABA has had, and continues to have, a chilling effect upon the Constitution of the United States.

On June 25, 1992, a complaint was filed in a Florida federal court to abolish the Florida Bar Association, which functions as an arm of the Florida Supreme Court. The basis of the complaint is that the Florida Bar has violated the separation-of-powers doctrine.

The national news media has given little, if any, attention to this nationally significant cause for action.

The news media appears to be more concerned with a future presidential cat and dog. Has the majority of the news media become a lap dog for the ABA?

CHARLES D. SULLIVAN
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1992 campaign was enjoyable

TO THE EDITOR:
The campaign of 1992 was a very hectic one for me. (He was defeated by U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin, Springfield.)

At Christmas, it is time to think back and thank those who have been important in our lives. I thank all the citizens of the new 11th District of Illinois. My campaign was very exciting and interesting.

I learned a tremendous amount about the very many diverse people and places in Illinois. I would like to thank everyone who made the experience an enjoyable one.

I thank those who participated in the process, those who helped me in my campaign and those who helped my opponent.

It is very important that we be involved in the process of electing our leaders.

I also thank those who came out and cast their vote on election day. The excitement of this campaign brought many new people to the polls. Your voice was heard and, hopefully, I played a small part in creating the excitement for individuals to vote.

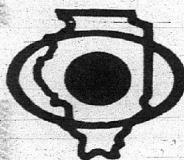
As we now begin to enter new administrations with new leaders, let us give them our support.

We have entrusted them with the leadership of our country. It is now time for them to act upon the oath to change that was cast. I appreciate the cordial treatment I received and the new friends that I made. Thank you all for making my run for Congress an enjoyable experience.

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Medicare overpayments made

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Through the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program, the state of Illinois will pay Medicare premiums for Medicare-eligible seniors whose incomes are \$567 per month or less (single person), or \$766 per month or less (couple), and whose assets are \$4,000 or less (single person), or \$6,000 or less (couple). Deductibles and co-payments will also be paid. Owning a home and a car will not affect eligibility for QMB.

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Durbin, Costello ask Clinton to watch tariffs

U.S. Reps. Richard J. Durbin, D-Springfield, and Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, were among congressmen who sent a letter to President-elect Bill Clinton urging him to monitor negotiations of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and ensure that the result is an agreement that is good for American agriculture.

In the letter, 11 congressmen expressed concern that compromises might be adopted in the interest of expediency rather than on the merits.

"As the Bush Administration prepares for the transition of power, we share your concern that a strong GATT agreement could be sacrificed in the process," Durbin said in the letter.

Specifically, Durbin expressed concern about reports which indicate that the European community may try to manipulate the calculation of tariff rate equivalents to give them an advantage over U.S. farmers and undermine U.S. market access to the European Community. These reports are of great

concern to the U.S. soybean industry in particular.

"The U.S. soybean sector is among our least supported commodity sectors and is very dependent on exports," Durbin, a member of the Congressional Soybean Caucus, said in the letter.

"American soybean farmers already face steep reductions under the current GATT text, as the U.S. will be forced to cut vegetable-oil export subsidies. Further erosion of the U.S. position in GATT agriculture negotiations would only undermine American agriculture and weaken

our ability to compete in highly competitive world markets."

Durbin pointed out that while soybeans are an important part of the nation's agricultural economy, our share of the world soybean trade has declined from 56 percent to only 35 percent since 1980. Despite a 22 percent increase in world demand, U.S. acreage declined from 71 million acres to 59 million acres during this period.

"With the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs to foreign nations and the recession, the time is ripe to open foreign markets for

U.S. agriculture products. This is a very important component of economic recovery and long-term growth," Durbin said.

"American agriculture, keenly aware that the negotiation of a GATT negotiations since the launching of the Uruguay Round in 1986, Congress and American agriculture can continue to do so if waiting is the price to pay of a good agreement," the letter concluded.

The Uruguay Round is expected to reduce barriers to world trade by one-third and bring virtually all goods and services under free-trade rules.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Ron Streiler, center, presents prizes to the winners in the first and second grades category, Jenna Cassidy, left, first place, and Susan Warnoff, runner-up.

Students win savings bonds in Red Cross poster contest

Six elementary students recently won U.S. savings bonds from local banks for posters they created in a "How the Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross helps our neighbors in need" poster contest.

In mid-November, first through sixth graders at Maryville, Niedringhaus and Parkview elementary schools were asked to leave their books behind and help teach people in the Granite City area what the local Red Cross chapter does, through original drawings.

After learning about the services that the Tri-City Chapter offers, the students were asked to create a poster visually describing one or more of these services.

In the first and second grades category, the first-place winner is Jenna Cassidy, a second grader at Niedringhaus, and the runner-up is Susan Warnoff, a first grader at Parkview.

In the third and fourth grades category, the winner is Nick Scaturro, a fourth grader at Niedringhaus, and the runner-up is John Vasques Jr., a fourth grader at Parkview.

In the fifth and sixth grades category, first-place went to Tahisha Hicks, a sixth grader at

Niedringhaus. The runner-up is Stephanie Miller, a fifth grader at Niedringhaus.

First-place students were awarded \$100 U.S. bonds donated by First Bank and runners-up were awarded \$50 U.S. bonds donated by Magna Bank. All participants received free coupons donated by Hardee's.

Posters are displayed at various banks in this area for the public to view. These banks include First Bank, Central Bank, Magna Bank, Guardian Savings Bank and Omni Bank.

They will be on display until Dec. 28.

Students learned that the Tri-City Chapter does much more than help in times of national disaster.

The volunteers who make up the chapter help their neighbors in need daily by providing services to the communities of Granite City, Madison, Venice, Mitchell and Pontoon Beach.

Services include blood drives, CPR and first-aid training, AIDS education, notification of family emergencies to men and women in the armed forces, and disaster relief, such as responding to single-family fires.

The chapter also refers people to other public service organiza-



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Ron Streiler, center, presents prizes to the winners in the third and fourth grades category, Nick Scaturro, left, first, and John Vasques Jr., runner-up, with their prizes.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Ron Streiler, center, gives prizes to winners in the fifth and sixth grades category, Tahisha Hicks, left, first place, and Stephanie Miller, runner-up.

tions that may further assist with their specific needs.

The Tri-City Chapter is a chartered member of the American Red Cross, but it is not funded entirely by the national organization. In addition to being a partner in fund raising with the United Way, the chapter relies largely on individual contributions.

According to Chapter Manager Ron Streiler, contributions of time are just as, if not more, important as money.

"Without our volunteers, we wouldn't be here," said Streiler. "Our programs are made possible by the services of these people." In addition to over 100 core volunteers who donate their time on a regular basis, 200 to 300 other volunteers donate their time to helping people in the local area at least once a year.

The Tri-City Chapter, now 75 years old, can be contacted at 452-7184 or 3728 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

Tours, photo workshop focus on bald eagles

Bald is beautiful when it comes to eagles.

Greater Alton/Twin Rivers Convention and Visitors Bureau officials are hoping eagle viewing tours and a photography workshop will draw visitors to the area.

Alton and Grafton residents have long been aware of the eagles which soar over the bluffs in the midst of winter, said bureau President Arnold Block. "We are hoping the eagle programs will allow folks outside our area to experience these national treasures."

Block said 300 to 500 bald eagles make winter homes along the bluffs on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. He said the area's eagle population is usually highest in January.

Tours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily during the

weeks of Jan. 10 and Jan. 24. Groups will meet at the Pere Marquette Park Lodge, Grafton. Block said the \$20 registration fee includes transportation and lunch. Guides will explain the eagles' habits and nesting patterns.

Nature photographer Frank Oberle will also offer a weekend workshop Jan. 15-17. Oberle's eagle photographs have appeared in *Life* and *National Geographic* magazines.

Block said Oberle will present slide shows and lectures to participants and offer suggestions during a photography session.

Registration fee for the photography workshop is \$135 before Jan. 4 and \$165 after that date. For more information, the visitors bureau can be contacted at 465-6676.

—From the Alton Telegraph

Six Flags to hire 2,800 in '93

Six Flags Over Mid-America, Eureka, Mo., has begun its annual task of forming a team of more than 2,800 employees for the 1993 season.

These hosts and hostesses hold a variety of positions April through November from operating a ride, to running a game or souvenir shop, to ushering at shows or concerts, to escorting Bugs Bunny.

Throughout the park's operating season, flexible full-time and part-time hours are offered to persons 16 years old on through senior citizens.

Six Flags gives its workers the opportunity to gain work experience, responsibility and communication skills through daily interaction with guests and fellow co-workers.

In addition to regular pay, hosts and hostesses have the opportunity to earn more than \$25,000 in scholarship and incentive programs. Strictly for fun, Six Flags offers the seasonal staff unlimited use of park attractions, free passes and park-sponsored activities such as softball, Olympics and parties.

Interested applicants may obtain additional information and participate in an interview at the following job fairs:

- ✓ Crestwood Plaza, Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ✓ Six Flags Ramada Inn, Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ✓ Urban League of St. Louis, Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Groups celebrate at holiday gatherings



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Townships for the Press-Register. She can be contacted at 931-6256.

The "Golden Agers' Christmas" was held Thursday in the Granite City Army recreational center. Entertainment was presented by the Joyful Noise Kitchen and singing was led by Scaturro. Christmas Carols were enjoyed by all members and friends attending.

Willard and Bernice, Mike Hoover, Ernest and Evelyn, Evelyn Miles, Margaret Pithers, Rex and Anita Buckingham, Evelyn, Earl and Vergie Spalding, Wood, Bea Harvey, Martha, Eva Barrow, Clotis Barrow, Ola White, Bill and Betty, Bud Lipe, Dorothy, Alene, Alene Rensing, Ed, Goldine Van Scoyk, Harriet, Bernice, Kathryn, Hilda Fowler, Pete and Mary Adams, Mildred Freeze, Lucille Martin, Eloise, Ernestine Hahn, Dorine, Brother, Brother Scaturro, Irma Lou Mezo, Imogene Holbrook, Doris Stark, Balaski, Daugherty, Vicki Harper, Ray, Hattie Jones, Homer, Wagon, Radie Benson, Vera Andrews, Louise Acocks, Frances Feldman, Steve Morgan, and Betty Hallway. Kitchen helpers were Merv Roberts, Nina Mull, Fran Rossi, Loretta Redfern, Jane Pinion, Maxine Ruter, and Eileen Scrum.

A surprise Christmas party was given for Evelyn Bringer, leader of the Joyful Noise Kitchen Band, Monday evening in the home of Marie Benson. Earl Spalding read some Christmas readings and James Garvin performed some magic tricks. Margaret Pithers offered a devotional prayer and blessing and food was served by the hostess, assisted by Vicki Harper to Norma Morlein, Margaret Pithers, Alene Rensing, Earl and Vergie Spalding, Lorraine Thompson, Vergie Spalding, Evelyn Stark, Ed and Betty, Ida, Wayne and Betty Ashburn, Josephine Harper, Lena Wood, Juanita Buckingham, Helen Bennett, Lucille Bringer, Bea Harvey, Martha Bandy, Tina Benson and Nancy Bishop. Santa Claus



Sea gulls flying over Nameoki Road earlier this month.

arrived with a box of candy for each, and several hand their pictures taken sitting on his lap. Evelyn Bringer received a ceramic basket from the Windsor collection and the oldest member, Evelyn Stark received an X-mas arrangement basket.

The Ruth Bible Class of the Granite City First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas party on Wednesday in the church, with President Leanda Johnson.

Ellen Douglas arranged the games that were played and Auctioneer John Royce netted \$2 from a White Elephant Sale to be given to the Lottie Moon Foreign Missionary Offering.

Alice Oxford, teacher, gave a Christmas Reading and the Rev. Watkins gave a devotional. Floral Christmas arrangements were used and the tree and mantle were decorated with mauve and cranberry, with a pink poinsettia centerpiece. Guests attending the pot luck dinner were Jamie Duncan; Gerold and June Lux; Dan, Rhonda and Alison McDowell, John and Vicki Royce; Myrtle Howell; Melissa Elliott, Sue and Wade Duke, and Carrie Hart, Elinor Stagner, and Jack Douglas. Members attending were Gerry Houshouser, Velma Rice, Louise Baker, Perma Boyer, Delores Carson, Leanda Johnson, Betty Johnson, Alice Oxford and Ellen Douglas.

Nitta Howard hosted the December meeting of the Baptist Women of the Granite City First Baptist Church in her home on

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Real estate courses slated at SIUE this winter

Several non-credit real estate courses in appraisal and brokerage will be held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this winter. "Uniform Standards of Professional Practice Appraisal (Illinois-1)" is scheduled Saturdays, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Principles of Residential Real Estate Appraisal II (Illinois-2)" and "Market Analysis and

Advanced Principles of Residential Real Estate Appraisal III (Illinois-3)" will meet Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Jan. 8 and continuing through March 12. Sessions of "License Law and Escrow" will meet Jan. 8, Feb. 5, and March 5 (Fridays) from 6:30-9:30 p.m. "Agency" (fiduciary responsibilities, agent-broker relations) meet Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and March 12 during the same hours.

"Residential Brokerage" sessions will convene Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and March 19 (Fridays) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Appraisal" sessions meet Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26 (Fridays) during the same hours. Additional information on non-credit real estate courses being offered at SIUE may be obtained by contacting the SIUE Office of Continuing Education at 692-3210.

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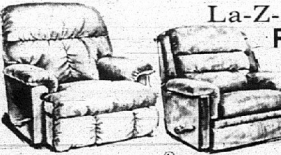


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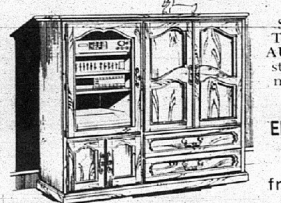
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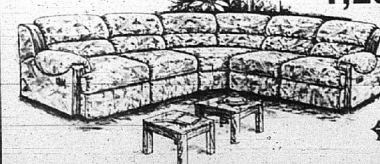


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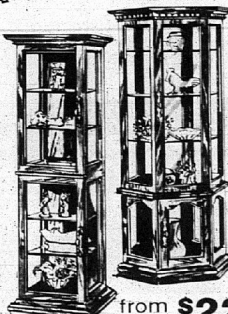


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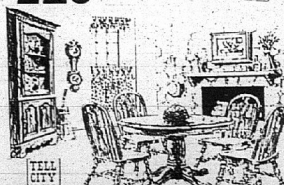
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The Senior Citizens of Pontoon Beach held their Christmas Party and dinner at the Senior Center. Members attending were: Bob and Genny Alford, Mary Janssenbrock, Dora Serini, Earl and Rose Edmiston, Bill and Ruth Dagon, Glen and Robbie Wilson, Irene Karlechick, Mable Soper, Stanley and Loretta Golab, Birdie Tayan, Ralph and Juanita Craycraft, Mary Merz, Jim and Jeri Schieb, Karman Edmonds, Everett and Alice Hanson, Mill Gross, Vera Bolton, Mary Warren, Helen Niepert, Lois Snipes, Otto and Corrine Kreher, Chalcie Grigsby, Lea Anderson, Carl and Jean Hornsmyer, Fran and Al Cape, Wilbur and Clara Winter, Ed and Gloden Van Scoyk, Edna Webster, Faye Rody, Thelma Black, Joy Rowland, Lucille Martin, Sylvia Massman, Mable Kennerly, Ted and Juanita Jacobs, Irene Weber, Marie Kenley, Joseph Pisel, Bob and Elaine Lipscomb, Marie Jaeger (guest), Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Lee and Betty Ridgeway, Nora Bertley, Irene McCaslin, Mary Vernorsky, Veronica Patrick, Loida and Dora Duncan, Jim and Diana Hill, Walt and Joan Krawell, Helen Sutton, Irma Bernaiz, Chet and Nancy Ballew, Lou and Del White, Bob and Debbie Vincent, Dorothy Watkins, Margie Whit, Charles Lorenz, Gus Bock (guest), Helen Hawkins, Paul Hawkins and Wink Abbott.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department hosted the annual family Christmas Party, for Firemen and Junior Firemen's Families, on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Long Lake Fire Hall. Committee chaired by Evelyn Ringering and Brenda Parmley decorated the hall in red, green and white. White balloons with Santa faces and Santa hats also added to the occasion. George Bunker, department chaplain, led in prayer which

was followed by a turkey and ham buffet dinner. Following dinner, all adjourned to the family room to enjoy Christmas carols and entertainment by "Tumple the Clown," portrayed by Corinne Kreher.

The excitement continued when Santa Claus arrived via fire truck. Santa took his place in his favorite lounge chair by the fire place, and proceeded to talk to each child and presented them each with a gift provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Pictures of all children were taken by Arnold Rutherford, department photographer. Attendance prizes were awarded to Danny Kreher, Jerry Sugg, Mary Bathon and Jeanette Gann.

Others attending the event were: Joe Boushard, Tanya Mitchell; Vince Goodman and children; Darla Dailey and children; Mr. and Mrs. George Bunker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Goodman and family; Laura Wilkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Isaak and family; Mr. and Mrs. Skip Parmley and son, Brandon; Frank and Mary Bathon; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ruching and Kristin; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kreher; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gruber; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nandy and family; Rose Schultz; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Atkinson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kreher and children; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Becker and children; Laura Dodge; Mr.

and Mrs. Phil Davis; and children; Mr. and Mrs. Willy Arnold and children; Chip and Brittany Ashford; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arnold; Donnetta Roney; Mrs. Moy Adams and daughter, Alysha; Megan and Lauren Bozard; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rutherford; Judy Admas; Mr. and Mrs. Derek Ashoff; Maria Toeniskoetter; Chad Toeniskoetter; Carolyn and Frank Toeniskoetter; Jennifer Engleke; Peggy Betts; Art Hahn; Bob Betts; Karen and Terry Rumph; Karen and David Levy; Ted Lohr; Michele Janagin; Bill Elmore and Kimberley; Irene Karlechick; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Karlechick and children; Jerry and Margaret Sugg; Jim Isaak; Randy Hall; Cheryl and Scott Erickson; Kim Dobler; and Mike Jarnagin.

The Ladies class of the Pontoon Baptist Church held its annual Christmas Party in the recreation hall in the church. Present were teacher Izzetta Stayduhar, Shirley White, Leta Kollenbun, Wilma Wagner, Dorothy Rainey and granddaughter, Amy, Betty Barr, Sylvia Massman, Jessie Champion, Agnes Lindsey, Amanda Langston and Lucille Martin. Judy Smith, church secretary, and the men of the church who were working on the building were guests at the preceding pot luck luncheon.

Legion Auxiliary holds Christmas party

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, held its Christmas Party Dec. 7 at the Post 307 Home in Venice. The past presidents were hostesses and served hors d'oeuvres, homemade cookies, punch, and coffee to 36 members. Past presidents were: Frances Cowley, Maxine Simmons, Norma Hillmer, Dolores Weiss, Lettie Taylor, Jane Modrusic, Louise Foley, Roseann Koelker and Dorothy Hinson.

A short business meeting was held. Two hams were donated to OATH for their Christmas Dinner Party on December 10th. Items were brought for the U.S.O. at the St. Louis Airport and more will be purchased. Ten purses and eight umbrellas were given to the Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop at the John Cochran V.A. Hospital. The next meeting of Unit 307 will be held on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.



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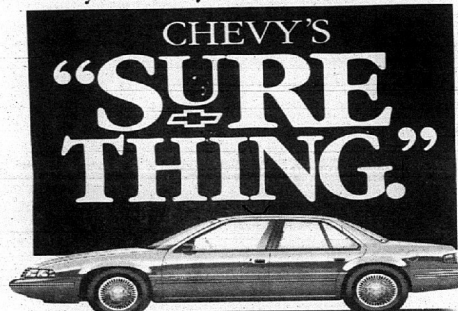
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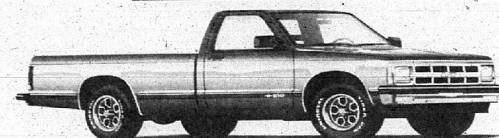
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Obituaries

Elmer Miller

Elmer F. Miller, 62, of Granite City, died at 11:29 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1992, at his home. He had been under care for a heart ailment.

He was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident, graduating from Granite City High School and serving in the Air Force.

He owned distributor routes for the Granite City News Co. and St. Louis Post-Dispatch for 24 years. He was a past distributor for the Granite City Press-Record. The news company was founded in 1924 by his grandfather, George Miller.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Tri-City Knights of Columbus Council 1088, and Lodge 1083 and the board of directors of Omni Bank in Granite City. He formerly served on the Granite City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Survivors include his wife, Bess M. (Yoder) Miller of Granite City; one son, Michael F. Miller (Glen Carbon); two daughters, Jacquelyn L. Pashea of Glen Carbon and Susan L. Miller of Granite City; one brother, Larry Miller of Granite City; one sister, Jacquelyn W. of Wood River; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer F. Sr. and Helen M. Miller.

Visitation is 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Blvd., Granite City, with a prayer service at 8:30 p.m. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Church, Ponton and Johnson roads. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

The family suggests memorials to Masses at St. Elizabeth Church.

Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. He had been ill for 10 years.

Born Feb. 14, 1928, in Washington Park, Mr. Rayum was a U.S. Army veteran and was a retired maintenance supervisor at City of Township in St. Clair County.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Will) Rayum; five daughters, Trina Rayum of Casey, Rosemary Dillale of Hollywood Heights, Gloria Funder of Ponton Beach, Lucille Grant of East St. Louis, and Jacklin Rayum of Collinsville; three sons, Paul Rayum of Granite City, Sydney Thompson and Davis Thompson, both of Fairmont City; two brothers, Kenneth Rayum of Ponton Beach and Joe Rayum of Granite City; a sister, Dorothy Husky of Brownstown, Ill.; and 18 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Pearl (Rand) Rayum.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Ponton Beach, 797-1009.

Mercedes Erdman

H. Mercedes (Poole) Erdman, 80, of Granite City died at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1992, at Meador Hospital in Edwardsville.

She had been ill for two years. Born in Granite City on Dec. 17, 1912, she was a lifelong resident and was of the Methodist faith. She was a retired secretary at Maloney Electric Co. and was a member of New Hope Chapter 432 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Gabriel Union.

Survivors include her brother, Charles Poole of King City, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Faye Poole of Gurnee, Ill.; a niece, Shirley Scuturo of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Neil and Mary (Benjamin) Poole; two brothers, Oscar and Claude Poole; and three sisters, Vella Mae Tucker, Virginia Moore and Rosa Short. Mrs. Erdman donated her remains to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Helen Duncan

Helen (Dennis) Duncan, 77, of Granite City, died suddenly at 7:33 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1992, at Belleville Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Born in Flat River, Mo., on Dec. 2, 1915, Mrs. Duncan was an area resident since childhood. She was a homemaker and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Duncan; one daughter, LaDonna Strotheide of Ocala, Fla.; and six sisters, Mrs. Urban of Granite City, Eva Mitchell of Madison, Martha Seobold, Esther Lesko and Mildred Hordesky, all of Granite City, and Rosemary of Godfrey; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Mary (Fritzie) Dennis; and her sister, Mary Novosol.

Visitation will be Friday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, where services were held Saturday with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.

Isabelle Lucy

Isabella M. Lucy, 72, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 4:28 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992, at her home. She had been ill for two years.

Born Aug. 26, 1920, in Madison, she resided in Granite City for 35 years. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Donald Lucy of Granite City; three daughters, Donna J. Lucy and Carolyn J. Lucy, both of Granite City, and Ruth Ann Lucy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five sisters, Mary Jo Kellams of Salt Lake City, Utah, Cecilia Williams of Edwardsville, Henrietta Sching-shang and Winifred Bringer, both of Granite City, and Dorothy Rice of Collinsville; and one brother, Leo Arthur Greenlee of Moore Haven, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Lucy, whom she married April 24, 1945, and who died Oct. 15, 1988; and her parents, Arthur C. and Mary Margaret (Karanahung) Greenlee.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Ponton and Johnson roads, Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

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IDOT awards road contracts

The Illinois Department of Transportation awarded road improvement contracts valued at more than \$136 million for various projects throughout the state.

The total value is for 56 projects. The bids were submitted during the Oct. 2 and Nov. 20 bid listings.

Listed by county, the projects are:

Madison County - Removal and replacement of the existing concrete deck on the structure carrying CH 13 (Marine Road) over Interstate 70, also includes the removal of a single span Pony trestle and replacement with a concrete slab on encased steel pile piers and pile bent abutments, carrying CH 13 over East Fork at Silver Creek, both 1.3 miles south of Marine Keller Construction Inc., Edwardsville, \$68,574.

Madison County - 0.18 mile of base course widening, bituminous surface removal and bituminous resurfacing on Illinois 157, and base course widening and bituminous concrete surface on Glen Carbon Road and signal installation at this intersection in Glen Carbon. Mounds Construction Co. Inc. and Keeley and Sons Inc., Collinsville, \$22,779.

Madison County - Bridge deck patching and resurfacing on the structure carrying Interstate 270 over Troy Road and the structure carrying Interstate 70 over Interstate 55, all located west of Troy. Mounds Construction Co. Inc. and Keeley and Sons Inc., Collinsville, \$45,659.

Madison County - Encourage local schools to recognize their own strength and weakness and encourage self-monitoring and self-improvement.

7. Efforts such as Project Success should be expanded, coordinating all state and community resources to provide a lot more information and services to parents so they can be empowered to help their children more effectively, support more homework, and be able to make better choices about school.

8. Analyze the data from projects in America and abroad and use this information to improve Illinois on "choice" so as to determine what effects parental

pick up the money in person, according to a police report. Another Granite City business pledged \$35, and was asked to send the information to the mail to a Deerfield, Ill., address.

"People should always be wary if solicited by telephone and then told someone will be right over to pick up the check," Orsey said.

He said no solid proof of wrongdoing exists at this time but has obtained a copy of a receipt book listing a supposed local sales office.

Orsey said a representative of the soliciting agency has expressed a desire to cooperate with the investigation and only the two incidents have been reported.

He said persons with further information about the operation should call the attorney general's office at 877-0404 or the

police department at 1-800-246-TIPS.

The organization in question distributed written information about its services and rates in the fire service yearbook ranged from \$35 to have the business' name listed in a directory of sponsors to \$3,000 for a full page ad.

Rates for a crime prevention publication were similar, and the information included solicitation for one-year \$1,000 or more.

The information included supposed endorsements of the soliciting organization by Ronald and Nancy Reagan, former Los Angeles Police Chief Darryl F. Gates and California Attorney General John Van De Kamp.

Members of Granite City firefighters' Local 233 urge anyone with questions about solicitations to call 676-4545.

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actually earn a bachelor's degree while the rest will drop out along the way, usually without having learned any marketable job skills.

As a result, the IMA study says, schools should build programs along the model of "Tech Prep" that insure that students ending their education at any time prior to earning a four-year degree will have learned enough basic job skills to earn a living.

In Madison and St. Clair counties, only about 16 percent of the students will earn a four-year degree, said Lynn Suydam, vice president for instruction at BAC.

He said BAC has received a grant and is starting on Tech Prep program in conjunction with area high schools and industry.

He said the high schools in Granite City, Collinsville and the rest of southern Madison County have already started a program and that he expects high schools in St. Clair County to join as well.

Under the Tech Prep program, students spend their last two years of high school learning a trade.

After spending a summer internship following graduation, students could then go on to the Capstone program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and earn a four-year degree in two years.

Tom Holloway, director of vocational education in the Granite City area, said he believes Tech Prep and other "2 plus 2" programs represent the future of education in America.

"At Granite City, we have parents register their children for high school and then find out that 85 percent register

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admission to Illinois universities, establishing criteria for placement in community colleges, providing legislative relief and incentives for business to hire students, and apprenticeship programs, etc.

6. The Illinois State Board of Education should continue to invest in the IGAP system of student assessments, focusing toward performance assessments.

7. The report cards to local schools and to the public should be more practical, including international comparisons of performance characteristics in the "Three Rs."

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"We need to deal with parental expectations and show that there are other routes to success," he said.

Suydam also said parental expectations need to be changed. "Only 16 percent of the people in the area have bachelor's degrees, but there are obviously a lot more than 16 percent of the people who are happy and productive," Suydam said.

"We need to show students and parents that it is possible to become successful without a traditional college degree."

Holloway said Tech Prep is aimed "at the forgotten 50 percent of our students. These are the kids who are not in the bottom 25 percent and not in the top 25 percent."

"A lot of them are going along in general studies and learning no job skills. We need to identify these students and, working with their parents, realistic goals for these students."

Maxwell, Suydam and Holloway agreed that the idea of phases such as 2 plus 2 also builds a foundation for a lifetime of learning.

The average age of our students at BAC is 31, so an awful lot of them are returning to education to either learn something new or learn more about what they are doing," Maxwell said.

A couple of years ago I knew nothing about computers, but now I use one every day (at Granite City Steel). Learning never stops."

Suydam said a base in applied math, English and science as they are used on the job is much more practical than a base in theoretical math, English and science.

"At the same time, there is nothing that says a person with a base in applied skills will not someday want to go on and learn more about the technical side that would be involved in earning

choice of schools has on student requirements for admission to 9. All Illinois schools, and Chicago in particular, must reduce administrative and support costs.

Chicago should fully implement the reforms started in 1988, including full implementation of site-based management and allowing the local school councils to have the principal to have full responsibility for the authority to carry out their responsibilities.

10. Instruction in each classroom should be improved.

The Illinois State Board of Education and all community resources possible should encourage systemic changes in values and beliefs in all schools through programs and practices such as Accelerated Schools; use of calculators, distance learning, and instructional technology, new and improved instructional materials; and more time for teachers to prepare for their lessons.

11. Provide the resources for students who fall behind to do work after school on Saturdays, during holidays and especially during summer time.

To provide for summer school and a longer school year, more efficiency, and more educational professionalism, the state should move toward year-round education, 11-month contracts.

12. Illinois teacher certification

ing a four-year degree," Suydam said.

But even if a four-year degree is the ultimate goal, Holloway said that under the Tech Prep program "at any point the student can stop, even if it's temporary, and have enough skills to get a job."

Where Maxwell, Suydam and Holloway differ strongly is on the IMA's proposal for education reform is the issue of a Certificate of Initial Mastery to be required for all 16-year-olds entering their last two or three years of high school.

According to the report, "The CIM should ensure that all students have the common foundation of skills and knowledge that will be needed to pursue high quality professional education and training at the upper secondary level and beyond."

In theory, at least, we are already doing that. About the sophomore year of high school, the schools should have to have learned the basics and be ready to go into either vocational programs or more advanced academic programs.

"The problem with having a test is: What are we going to do with those who fail?" Suydam said.

"If you give the test and, say, 80 percent pass, what do you do with the other 20 percent? Make them try again? Tell them to drop out? It's a real problem."

Maxwell, Suydam and Holloway just not convinced that education is what's broken," Maxwell said. "Students must be given the opportunity to succeed or they won't take advantage of it."

"I think parents, and society as a whole, have fallen down on this. We haven't stressed it enough."

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tion for the supervisor post. Nelson Hagnum is the incumbent.

Those picking up aldermanic petitions include:

Ward 1 - incumbent Casner Skubish of the 2700 block of Lincoln Avenue and former alderman Harvey "Frank" Nicholas of the 2400 block of Nameoki Road for the four-year seat, and William Weiler of the 2800 block of Forest Avenue.

Ward 2 - incumbent Judy Winkler of the 2200 block of Victory Drive and Bob Page of the 2600 block of Dogwood Drive for the unexpired two-year term.

Ward 3 - incumbent Craig Harpoff of the 2900 block of Madison Avenue, former alderman Virgil Kambarian of the 2600 block of Cleveland Boulevard, Jack Hood of the 2400 block of Madison Avenue and Marian Carbins of the 3000 block of Washington Avenue.

Ward 4 - incumbent Pettilio of the 2200 block of Delmar Avenue and Thomas Nash of the 2100

block of Grand Avenue. Incumbent Andy Thinko had not yet picked up petitions.

Ward 4 - Bell, Foster "Freddie" Frederick of the 2400 block of Logan Avenue, Robert Fouts of Terrace Lane and former alderman Emerald Dawes of the 1600 block of Main Avenue.

Ward 5 - incumbent Ginny O'Beir of the 2000 block of 13th Street, Eddie Asadorian of the 1600 block of Poplar Street, Brenda Whitlatch of the 1700 block of Olive Street, and Bailey.

Ward 6 - incumbent Judy Winkler of the 2200 block of Victory Drive, Sandy Shaw of the 1500 block of Ridge Avenue and "Red" "Red" Evenson of the 3200 block of Westchester Drive.

Ward 7 - Janet Parley of the 2600 block of Donald Court and Walter "Buddy" Bortz of the 4000 block of Maryville Road.

Ward 8 - incumbent Robert J. Early picked up petitions not specifying which office he will seek.

Teen night to benefit DARE program

Corvette's Night Club at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights presents Teen Night from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight.

Admission is \$5. A high school I.D. is required. Refreshments will be sold. The proceeds will be donated to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program.

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Church Women United hold annual pot luck Christmas party

Church Women United held its annual pot luck Christmas party Dec. 4 at Central Christian Church.

Each person was asked to bring a craft item and other items to be sold in a silent auction. Each was also asked to bring items for the women inmates of Dwight Correctional Center, such as soap, shampoo, pens, pencils and playing cards.

Christmas cards also were sent to them. This "prison ministry" will be an ongoing project all year to help ease the prisoners' personal problems and help relieve the stress of being away from home and children.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8 at Central Christian Church. A soup luncheon will be prepared and served by the officers. Open House and installation of 1993 officers will be held.

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CHS debate team defends title

The Granite City debate team traveled to Illinois State University recently as defending champions.

This year, Joanna Webb was a quarter-finalist; Don Murphy, a semi-finalist; and Jason Hall a semi-finalist. Heather Gitchoff advanced to the final round to defeat Freepport to become the 1992 U.S. champion.

GCHS has won the ISU tournament four of the last five years. The debate coach is Ron Fennell.

Granite City HEA Christmas party held

The Granite City Homemakers Extension Association held its Christmas party Dec. 1 at Brenda's Restaurant. There were 25 members and guests in attendance.

The guests were Josephine Uram, Jean Byrnes, Merdy Weston, Pauline Holman, Marcie Johnson, Cheryl Hutchinson and Francis Task.

The committee in charge of the party consisted of Ann Pates, Florence Stokes, Florence Hagauer and Vincine Zerlan. Snowmen and Christmas angels decorated the tables and each lady was given a Christmas corsage.

A business meeting was held after the luncheon. A donation will be given to the Narnoki Presbyterian Church.

Christmas bingo was played, and Betty Weston won an attendance prize. Members then held a gift exchange.

Hostesses for the January meeting will be Mary Radick, Martha McIlroy and Betty Goldsach.

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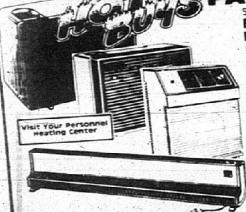
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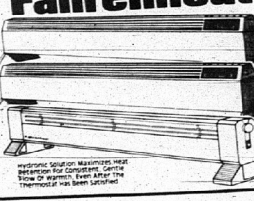
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Gary Rieger said. "Senior Kris Ottensmeyer has given us some 3-point shooting and (sophomore) Kristen Koch has also played well."

East (3-8) has no returning starters from last season. "We played as poorly against Collinsville as we played against West," Lancers coach Paul James said. "That inconsistency is typical of a team with little experience."

Okaville vs. Collinsville, 4:30 p.m.: Okaville made its first appearance in the Mascoutah tournament last year and rallied from a 22-point deficit to beat Centralia by 11 points in the title game. The Lady Rockets were 3-2 overall, losing in overtime to eventual champion Carthage Hancock in the Class A state tournament.

This season, Okaville took an 8-0 record into Tuesday's home game against Althoff.

"We have four players back, but we lost an all-star (Kari Pruehner)," coach Kathy Lantier said. "But this year, we're deeper and quicker."

Collinsville is 5-2 after beating West on Friday.

Guard Robin Waller (the team's only senior) and junior Jennifer Benson are the offensive leaders for the Lady Kahoks. Sophomore Krista Esker and junior Jennifer Klein are the top rebounders.

Mount Vernon vs. Edwardsville, 6 p.m.: Eighth-seeded Edwardsville took a 4-4 record into Tuesday's home game against Lincoln.

"(Senior) Kim Jackson is our only returning starter," Edwardsville coach Dave Tissier said. "She's averaging 21.5 points a game, but she's kind of a marked person. As Kim goes, that's pretty much how we go."

Mount Vernon has a 7-4 record despite not having any seniors. "We've played well in spurts," said coach Sara Rennie. "We're starting two juniors and three sophomores."

Junior Amanda Richardson is averaging 23.5 points per game. Other top players are sophomore Angela Stewart (15 ppg), sophomore point guard Emily Rummel (9 ppg) and junior Tam-

my Beck (7 ppg).

Mascoutah vs. Chatham Glenwood, 7:30 p.m.: The host Indians, seeded fourth, dropped to 4-4 with a 56-47 loss to Althoff on Dec. 17.

"We're hoping to play four games in the tournament," Mascoutah coach Pat Cook said.

Bee Higgins, a senior transfer from Belleville East, is averaging 17 points per game for the Indians. Senior point guard Sheri Renth has 18 points and 6 assists against Althoff and is averaging 10 points per game.

Chatham Glenwood, the only new team in the tournament, took a 1-6 record into Tuesday's game against Springfield Ursuline.

Highland vs. Althoff, 9 p.m.: Fifth-seeded Highland took a 7-3 record into Monday's game at Bethalto.

Highland senior Kari Rehberger and junior Janelle Torbit are averaging 11 points per game. Sophomore Erin May averages 10 points.

Althoff was 6-4 going into Tuesday's game at Okaville.

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Second Round, Tuesday, Dec. 29
Game 9: Lower Game 1 vs. Upper Game 2, 9:30 a.m. Game 10: Lower Game 3 vs. Lower Game 4, 11 a.m. Game 11: Lower Game 5 vs. Lower Game 6, 12:30 p.m. Game 12: Lower Game 7 vs. Lower Game 8, 2 p.m. Game 13: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 4:30 p.m. Game 14: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 6 p.m. Game 15: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m. Game 16: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 9 p.m.

Third Round, Wednesday, Dec. 30
Game 17: Consolation semifinal, winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 8:30 a.m. Game 18: Consolation semifinal, winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 10 a.m. Game 19: Fifth place semifinal, lower Game 13 vs. Lower Game 14, 11:30 a.m. Game 20: Fifth place semifinal, lower Game 15 vs. Lower Game 16, 1 p.m. Game 21: Semifinal, winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 2:30 p.m. Game 22: Semifinal, winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14, 4:30 p.m. Game 23: Consolation championship, Winner Game 15 vs. Winner Game 16, 5:30 p.m. Game 24: Fifth place, winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 18, 7 p.m. Game 25: Third place, lower Game 21 vs. Lower Game 22, 8:30 p.m. Game 26: Championship, winner Game 23 vs. Winner Game 24, 10 p.m.

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large schools
1. St. Joseph's (1) 3.0
2. House Springs (2) 9.1
3. Hazelwood East (3) 7.1
4. Cor Jesu (5) 7.1
5. Parkway West (4) 4.2
6. Powell North (6) 2.1
7. Lincoln (NR) 4.2
8. Parkway North (7) 3.2
9. Wentzville (10) 4.1
10. Fox (8) 4.4

Others receiving votes: Francis Howell, Normandy


Small schools
1. Incarnate Word (1) 4.1
2. Westcliff (3) 6.0
3. Visitation (4) 5.1
4. Wellston (6) 6.1
5. Troy (5) 6.1
6. Rosati-Kain (2) 1.3
7. John Burroughs (8) 3.1
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9. St. John's (NR) 6.0
10. Duchesne (9) 3.3

Others receiving votes: Kennedy, St. Dominic

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Alcohol has varying effects on health

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Holidays mean celebrations, and celebrations often involve alcohol—sometimes too much.

Alcohol is a drug. It slows down reaction time and clouds judgment, making drinking and driving hazardous. It removes social inhibitions, yet functions as a depressant.

Alcohol's other negative effects are less well known, but just as important. It can raise blood pressure and blood triglycerides (blood fats). In a person with diabetes, alcohol can cause problems with blood sugar control, leading to hypoglycemia or low blood sugar.

Drinking too much alcohol also has been linked to cancer of the mouth, larynx, throat and esophagus. Some studies show alcohol as the number one cause of liver disease, or cirrhosis. Women who drink as few as three to nine drinks a week may be up to

30 percent more likely to get breast cancer than women who abstain.

Alcohol is no bargain in calories. Unit per unit, alcohol contains almost twice the calories of carbohydrate—starch or sugar—and nearly as many calories as fat.

Some positive effects of drinking alcohol have been documented. It seems that having one or two alcoholic drinks every day lessens the risk of heart disease. In a healthy person, a small amount of alcohol probably is not harmful—but there certainly are no good medical reasons for an abstaining to start drinking.

If you do drink, it is wise to limit alcoholic drinks to no more than one or two per day. One drink is 1½ ounces spirits or four ounces wine or 12 ounces beer.

Before your next party, practice these tips:

- Look carefully at your wine glass. A standard glass is four to five ounces (about ½-cup measure), but many larger goblets hold eight to 12 ounces, the equivalent of two to three drinks.

- Dilute drinks with non-caloric spritzers, diet soda or sparkling water.

- Add ice to beer or wine and sip slowly.
- Try a refreshing, new, non-alcoholic beer.

- Drink a large glass of water between each alcoholic drink.
- Eat before or while drinking to help curb ill effects.

- Designate a non-drinking driver to get you safely home.
- Avoid all alcohol if you are pregnant or trying to conceive.

- Try crowd-pleasing Spiced Apple Spritzer at your next party.

es and fruit. Cover and chill thoroughly.

Just before serving, combine chilled mixture and club soda. Pour into glasses. Serve immediately.

Yields four (1-cup) servings; 141 calories, 0.3 g fat, no cholesterol and 21 mg sodium each.
Recipe adapted from "Cooking Light '88" cookbook.

Spiced apple spritzer

2 cans (8 oz. each) frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed, undiluted

1 orange, sliced

1 lemon, sliced

1 (3 inch) stick cinnamon

4 whole cloves

2½ cups club soda, chilled

Combine apple juice concentrate, sliced orange and lemon, cinnamon and cloves in saucepan. Bring to boil. Cover. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes.

Strain mixture, discarding spice.

For Sports Injuries, Doctors Have A New Strategy In Their Gameplan.

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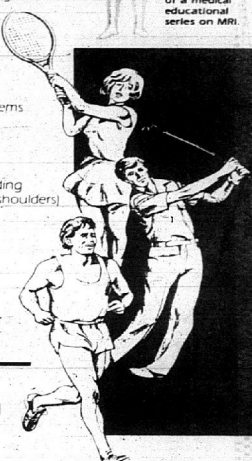
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Rice sweetens pot for new year

One of the fastest-growing ethnic groups in the United States today comes from Mexico. In recent years, the Hispanic population has topped the charts as the U.S.'s overall fastest-growing ethnic group.

With about 20 million Hispanics in the U.S., this group grew 35 percent from 1980 to 1990, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Within the Hispanic population, those of Mexican descent represent 63 percent of the total.

It should come as no surprise that Mexican cooking has had a major influence on North American cuisine. Pasa is the most popular Mexican dessert, but in Mexico arroz con leche—rice with milk—is just as popular.

Rice Pudding with Caramel Sauce is creamy and cinnamon with a hint of caramel. It is cooked in a saucepan rather than baked, for convenience.

Mexican rice pudding with caramel sauce

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 1 tsp. grated lime peel
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 3 cups milk
- ½ cup raisins, if desired
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup whipping cream, divided

In medium saucepan, bring water to boil. Add rice, peel and cinnamon. Simmer, covered, over medium heat 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender.

In large saucepan, beat together eggs and ½ cup sugar. Stir in milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, about 20 minutes until mixture begins to thicken.

Stir in cooked rice and raisins. Continue cooking, stirring constantly 5 minutes.

Remove from heat. Pudding thickens slightly upon standing. In large saucepan, combine remaining 1 cup sugar, butter and ½ cup cream. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring constantly, about 8 minutes until golden-brown. Remove from heat. Slowly whisk in remaining ½ cup cream. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, about 5 minutes until smooth and thickened.

Microwave cheesy spinach pie

- 1 (9 inch) frozen deep dish pie shell
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach
- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup evaporated milk
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Grated parmesan cheese

Place pie shell in glass pie plate. When slightly thawed, press to shape of plate. Prick with fork. Bake in conventional oven as directed on package until brown.

In a quart microwave-safe dish, cook spinach and onion, covered with plastic wrap, on high power 6 minutes, stirring once. Drain thoroughly.

Layer half the spinach mixture and cheese in bottom of pie shell. Repeat layers.

Beat together eggs, milk, salt, nutmeg and pepper. Pour over spinach mixture. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. If desired, cover edge of crust with strip of aluminum foil. Cook, not touching sides of oven, on medium (50 percent) power 10 to 11 minutes until set, and baking dish and removing foil ring after 5 minutes cooking time. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

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Winning sausage recipe runs rings around eggs at brunch

Mary J. Wagner, Bridgeton, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Sausage Breakfast Loaf. For it she wins a prize of dinner certificates at the Pasta House Company.

She puts together an appetizing plate of sausage, eggs and toast for 12 people with this winning entry. The sausage loaf is a glorified ring of pork sausage cooked with green pepper and onion. Baking it in a tube pan offers an opportunity to fill the center and edge of the ring on a platter with scrambled eggs. She suggests placing toast or English muffin wedges at the ends of the platter and offering red and green jelly for accents. The recipe comes from a collection of holiday recipes forwarded by her sister in Iowa.

Recipes in the Chicken Delight Recipe Contest will be accepted

through Dec. 31 for consideration as winner each of the four weeks in January. Send in any type of recipe that uses chicken — appetizer or main dish, soup or salad.

Send one recipe per household to: Chicken Delight Recipe Contest, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal*, you receive. Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. It will be part of the basis for selecting winners, along with taste and eye appeal.

Originality will be considered, although the recipe need not be original. If possible, name the source of the recipe.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

Sausage breakfast loaf

- 3 lb. bulk pork sausage
- 3 medium green bell pepper, diced
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 4 slices bread, broken in small pieces
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- Mix sausage, green pepper,

onion, bread, eggs, black pepper, salt and garlic salt thoroughly. Place in tube pan.

Dish can be prepared to this point, if desired, and refrigerated, or frozen. If frozen, it should be

moved to the refrigerator the night before using it to thaw.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Bake in preheated oven 1 hour.

Drain grease.

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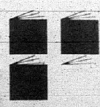
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